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**A M E N D M E N T**

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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2001, the term for response to which expires on April 24, 2001.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 12-20 with the following:

Conventionally, some lasers of this type, such as the one described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,786,132, oscillate a singlewavelength laser beam with use of an FBG in an external cavity. One such laser appears in OECC '96 (First Optoelectronics and Communications Conference Technical Digest, July 1996, Makuhari Messe), 18P-18. This laser, using the FBG in its external cavity, has a so-called lensed-fiber arrangement such that an end facet of a fiber, which is an optical junction to a laser source, is lensed.



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